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The signals were changed this morning. I was told to see the Prime Minister at noon. I was also told I would be furnished with a draft of the President's proposed speech, so that Macmillan could consider it and communicate any ideas it evoked from him to the President.

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Accordingly, Cooper and myself went down to Admiralty House, but had not yet received the promised draft. I had a long discussion with the PM, attended also by Lord Home, and Philip de Zulueta.

We expected the President's speech to be ready at any moment, but as the hours dragged on, nothing was forthcoming. Several calls to the Department obtained only the reply that things had become fouled up, and they could not understand why we had not received the text. Finally, in desperation, we suggested that the private channel between Macmillan and Kennedy be used. This was done, and about seven o'clock tonight we had the humiliation of receiving from the British the copy of the speech, which had been promised for delivery to us before noon today.

Meanwhile, General Norstad, who arrived here this morning to visit some of the leading figures in the British Government, had been inadequately briefed on the

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